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**V**  
**Bolton Wanderers**

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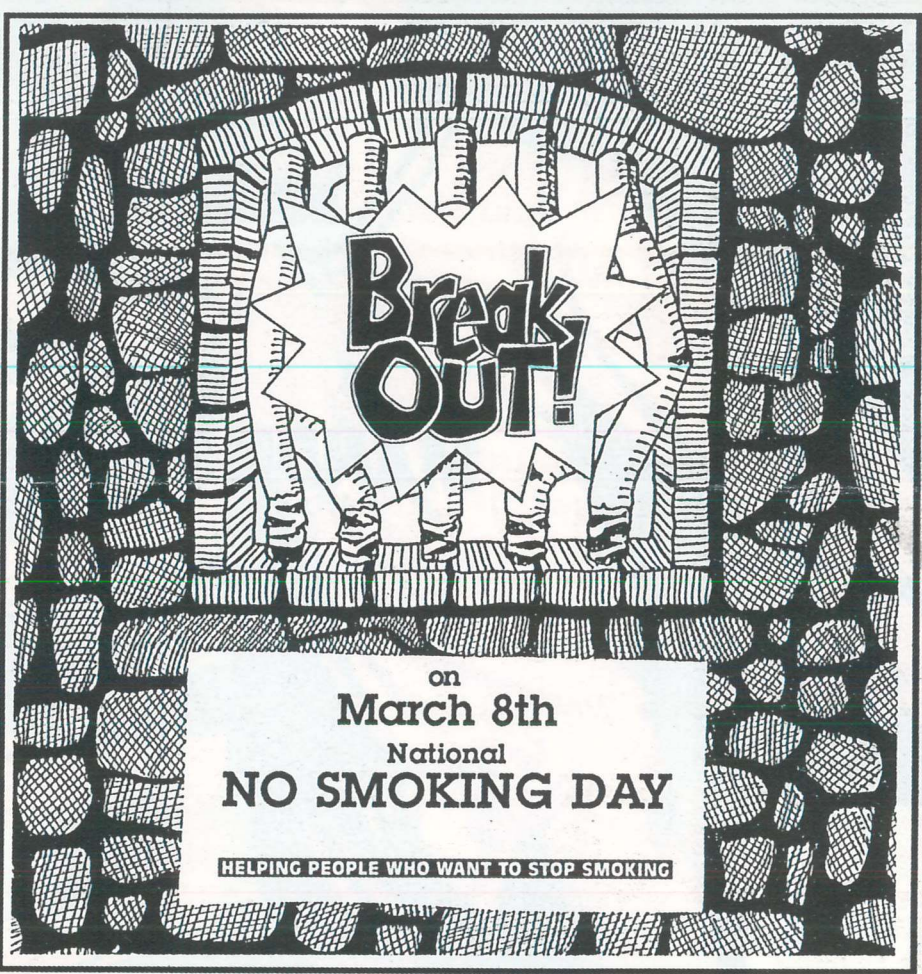
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## FUND RAISERS....

Jaki Dudley, Pauline Truswell, Jane Banks and Debbie Johnson organised a disco/fancy dress and raffle at the Springvale Sports & Social club and raised £1,695.84 for the neo-natal and physiotherapy units at Newcross Hospital, Wolverhampton.

Wolves kindly donated a shirt, signed by the players, and this was won by brothers David and Richard Banks of Bobbington who are picture here with their prize.

## WELCOME TIM

On 20th February last manager Graham Turner signed the Shrewsbury Town midfielder player Tim Steele for a fee of £80,000.

Born at Coventry in 1967, Tim joined the Gay Meadow club on leaving school and turned professional on his 18th birthday. He has appeared in over 70 senior games for the Shrews.

\*Tim will be the featured 'Wolf Man' in our Matchday Magazine v. Gillingham on 14th March.

## ALL TICKET

Chester City v Wolves - Saturday 25th March 1989 - at Sealand Road. Due to the fact that the Safety Certificate applicable to Chester City F.C. only allows a maximum gate of 8,100 at their ground, the Barclays League Division Three match on 25th March will be all-ticket. Consequently any person travelling to the match without a ticket will not be admitted to the ground under any circumstances.

There are four more league matches this season at Molineux which will be all-ticket: Bristol Rovers, Bristol City, Swansea and Sheffield United.

## UNDER 21 CALL-UP

Last week striker Steve Bull was given an early birthday present when England manager Bobby Robson called him up for duty with the U/21 team in Albania.

Steve flies out with the main party tomorrow morning and the Under 21 match takes place on Tuesday. We wish him all the very best.

## RE-ARRANGED DATE

Our home Barclays League Division Three game against Sheffield United as been re-arranged and will now take place here at Molineux on Tuesday May 9th, kick-off 7.30pm.

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**G**ood afternoon one and all, and how good it is to report on another League victory, the latest at Blackpool last Tuesday.

On a foul night, with a strong wind and greasy surface, which caught out both sides in the first half, we took time to get into our stride. In the opening 45 minutes I really couldn't see us winning. We struggled and Blackpool looked a very organised and useful side, playing with a sweeper to good effect.

But after the interval we broke very well and finished strongly. Our two goals from Bully and Vaughan were both splendid efforts, and in the end we perhaps just shaded it. Although, having said that, we had two narrow escapes in the first half, one when Blackpool claimed that the ball had crossed the line following a shot from Tony Cunningham. But I can't comment on that - you don't get a very good view from the dug-out!

I introduced our new signing Tim Steele into the first team squad at Blackpool, and although he's got to force his way into the side, I'm now in a marvellous position whereby I can tell the players that there are four or five others banging on the door, dying to win a place in the team, and these include Phil Chard, Phil Robinson, Ally Robertson, Robert Kelly and of course Tim, plus the fringe players like Nicky Clarke and Tom Bennett. The position looks very healthy, doesn't it?

I'm glad to have Tim at Molineux. He is a splendid all round athlete, and has already shown his capabilities in the 3000 metres which we held on the afternoon of the postponed game against Wigan - a match which we were all keyed up for.

**W**e shall be without Keith Downing very shortly - he faces a short suspension - but with so many of his colleagues eager and ready to step forward, I have no real worries here.

Everyone at the club was delighted to hear the news that Steve Bull had been called up

# Turner Talks

## "THE POSITION LOOKS VERY HEALTHY"

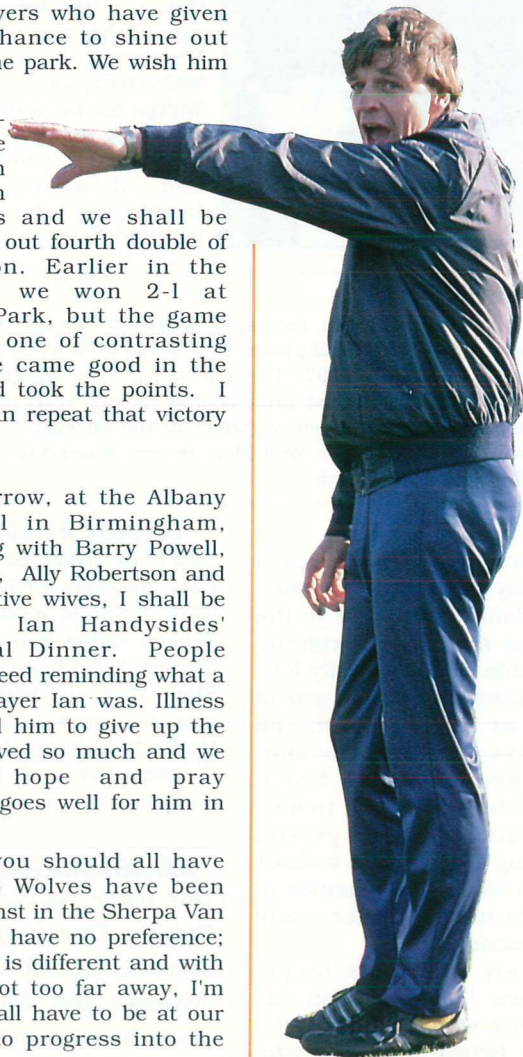
into the England Under 21 side to travel over to Albania. Steve thoroughly deserves this great honour, which reflects on the club itself and indeed on the rest of the players who have given him the chance to shine out there on the park. We wish him well.

This afternoon we take on Bolton Wanderers and we shall be looking for our fourth double of the season. Earlier in the campaign we won 2-1 at Burnden Park, but the game itself was one of contrasting halves; we came good in the second and took the points. I hope we can repeat that victory today.

**T**omorrow, at the Albany Hotel in Birmingham, along with Barry Powell, Paul Darby, Ally Robertson and our respective wives, I shall be attending Ian Handysides' Testimonial Dinner. People shouldn't need reminding what a talented player Ian was. Illness has caused him to give up the sport he loved so much and we sincerely hope and pray everything goes well for him in the future.

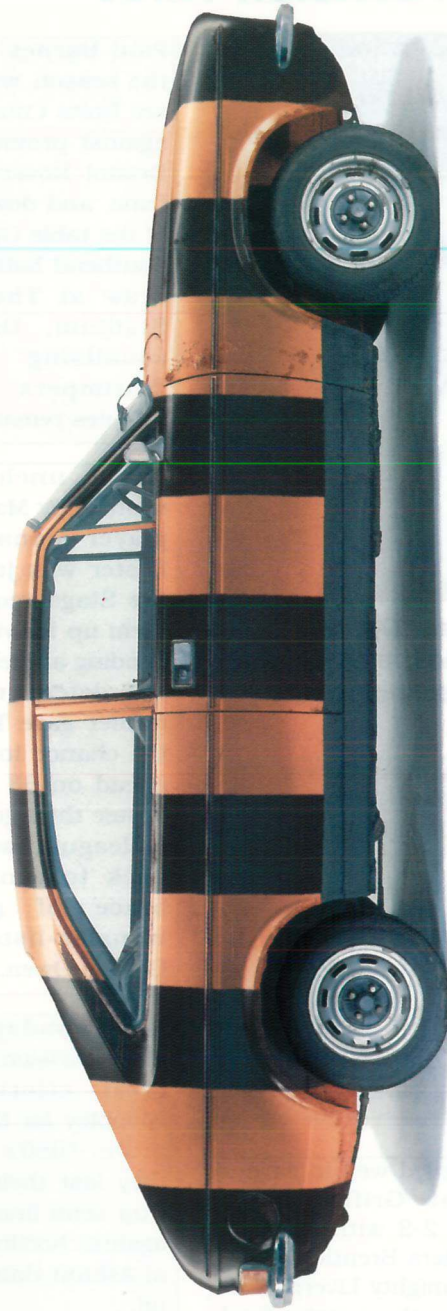
By now you should all have heard who Wolves have been drawn against in the Sherpa Van Trophy. We have no preference; every game is different and with Wembley not too far away, I'm sure we shall have to be at our very best to progress into the Area Final.

Enjoy the match.





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# Three of a kind

## News from Division Three

The Barclays League Div. 3 'Young Eagle of the Month' for February was Swansea's Andy Melville.

Following the postponements of our game at Springfield Park against Wigan Athletic eight days ago and then Chester City's clash with Cardiff down in Wales and Port Vale's tussle with Bolton Wanderers at Burnden Park last Saturday, four teams, Bury, Swansea City, Bristol Rovers and Sheffield United, all had the opportunity to narrow the gap at the top of the Third Division, but only the Blades took full advantage of the situation.

They netted their 60th League goal of the season in beating Blackpool 4-1 at Bramall Lane, and star of the show was midfielder Peter Duffield, who scored United's third goal and laid on two others in an impressive victory watched by 11,317 fans.

Preston North End ran up the highest scoreline of the day - 6-0 against Chesterfield at Deepdale - and star of the show here was striker Tony Ellis, who weighed in with two smart goals in the second-half. North End got off to a terrific start, scoring twice in the first eight minutes; the 'Spire-ites' then conceded an own-goal and a penalty and were lucky not to have conceded double figures.



**Peter Duffield**  
**Sheffield United's highly**  
**rated midfielder**

Northampton Town, the Jekyll and Hyde team of Division 3, showed the brighter side of their nature when they accounted for Swansea City 1-0 at The County Ground, a block-busting effort from Dean Thomas in the 56th minute deciding the issue which gave the Cobblers their first win in six games.

Bury battled well to earn a point at Griffin Park, drawing 2-2 with F.A.Cup giant-killers Brentford, who take on mighty Liverpool at Anfield in the quarter-final in two weeks time. And we wish the 'Bees' every success as they keep the Third Division flag flying in this competition.

Paul Barnes' first goal of the season was enough to see Notts County home 1-0 against promotion-chasing Bristol Rovers at Meadow Lane, and down at the foot of the table Gillingham and Southend battled out a 1-1 draw at The Priestfield Stadium, David Crown equalising for the 'Shrimpers' with eight minutes remaining.

An uncharacteristic mistake by Mansfield's new player-manager George Foster was just the spur the Stags required to set them up for victory against Reading at Field Mill! The defender's mistimed header gave Trevor Senior the chance to fire Reading ahead on 63 minutes but Foster then got behind his colleagues who bounced back to win 2-1 with a brace of goals from transfer-listed winger Gordon Owen.

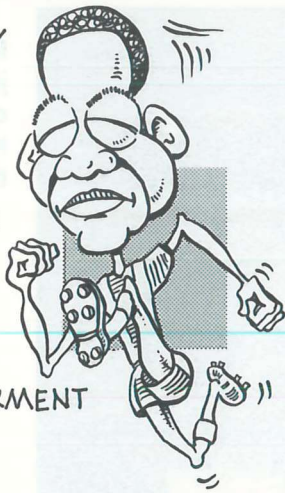
Last Sunday afternoon Third Division Bristol City's great effort to reach Wembley for the third time in the 1980's ended when they lost their Littlewoods Cup semi-final 2nd leg tie against Nottingham Forest at Ashton Gate by a goal to nil.

A bumper crowd of over 28,000 saw Gary Parker strike the winning goal in the second period of extra-time.



# BLACKPOOL WOLVES 28 FEB 89

IN DRIVING RAIN AND A BLUSTERY WIND LAST TUESDAY EVENING, BOTH TEAMS BEGAN THE FIRST HALF BY SCYTHING THE BALL IN ALL DIRECTIONS. TYPHOON TONY CUNNINGHAM WAS AN ADDITIONAL TORMENT TO WOLVES DEFENCE.



THE TREACHEROUS CONDITIONS NEARLY BROUGHT TANGIBLE TANGERINE REWARD WHEN A SHOT FROM CUNNINGHAM SOMEHOW SQUIRTED THROUGH KENDALL. HAPPILY WOLVES' 'KEEPER TURNED & PREVENTED THE BALL CROSSING THE MUDDY

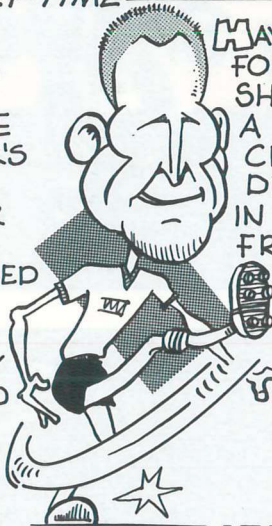


ISTHMUS WHERE A GOAL-LINE WOULD NORMALLY BE.

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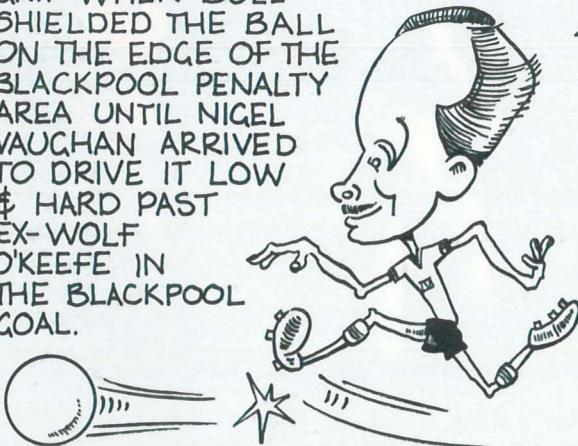


THE TRAVELLING FANS WHO WERE ENDURING BITTER AQUATIC CONDITIONS AT THE UNCOVERED VISITOR'S END TENSED THEMSELVES FOR A SPOT OF SYNCHRONISED ADULATION WHEN MUTCH NETTED EARLY IN THE SECOND HALF. — REFEREE SIMPSON OVERRULED FOR OFFSIDE, HOWEVER.



HAVING BEEN SUBDUED FOR AN HOUR, BULLY SHOWED HIS VALUE IN A FEW SECONDS: A CHALLENGE FROM DENNISON RESULTED IN THE BALL RUNNING FREE & THE TIPTON TERRIER POUNCED BETWEEN THREE BLACKPOOL DEFENDERS TO THRASH THE BALL INTO THE NET.

WOLVES TIGHTENED THEIR GRIP WHEN BULL SHIELDED THE BALL ON THE EDGE OF THE BLACKPOOL PENALTY AREA UNTIL NIGEL VAUGHAN ARRIVED TO DRIVE IT LOW & HARD PAST EX-WOLF O'KEEFE IN THE BLACKPOOL GOAL.



POOL ABANDONED THE SWEEPER SYSTEM & BROUGHT WALWYN ON FOR ELLIOTT, BUT WOLVES' BACK FOUR LED BY BELLAMY, WERE AN IMPENETRABLE BARRICADE.

BLACKPOOL 0  
WOLVES 2



# Action Pack

Mick Gooding has just put Wolves 2-1 ahead, and referee Keith Burge points the way to Wembley!

A determined Floyd Streete, waiting for goalmouth action.



"In off the bar" for Nigel Vaughan - but it's 3-1 to Wolves nevertheless.

Celebration time in the Molineux camp as "Bully" makes sure the ball goes in.



## MATCH DETAILS

S.V.T. Group  
Quarter Final

21st February 1989

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## Bolton Wanderers

WELCOME THE VISITORS

**T**his afternoon's encounter could well be a dress rehearsal for the 1989 Sherpa Van Trophy Final at Wembley!

Bolton, like ourselves, have reached the semi-final stage of their group in this season's S.V.T. competition and they are keen to return to the Empire Stadium - they last played there in 1986 against Bristol City in the F.R.T. final.

But putting cup football aside for the time being, Bolton's League form this season has been rather disappointing, especially after they had gained promotion along with Wolves last term.

Manager Phil Neal has had an awful lot of injury problems to contend with but perhaps now he's beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel and is

But at Burnden Park, they have produced some good performances, and Neal and his assistant Mick Brown, the former Hull City and Lincoln full-back who was Ron Atkinson's righthand man at both West Brom and Manchester United, are confident that given time, Bolton Wanderers, one of the founder members of the Football League back in 1888, can once more grace the heights of the First Division.

That will, of course, take time - but the backroom staff are hopeful that the good times will return to this famous old club which was formed in 1874.

Glancing through the current squad there is a good sprinkling of youth and experience, and the Bolton coaching staff are confident that at least another



**Back row (l to r):** Ian Callaghan, Gary Henshaw, Paul Hughes, David Felgate, Julian Darby, Ian Stevens, Chris O'Brien.

**Middle row (l to r):** Phil Neal (player-manager), Steve Carroll (Youth team coach), Nicky Brookman, Gary Brown, Stuart Storer, Trevor Morgan, Dave McKearney, Bob Savage, Jeff Chandler, Mick Brown (coach), Phil Stock (physio).

**Front row (l to r):** John Thomas, Steve Elliott (now Bury), Phil Brown, Mark Came, Mark Winstanley, Dean Cromble, Barry Cowdrill, Steve Thompson.

fielding a settled side, although the team's results have been rather inconsistent over the past month or so. Only recently Bolton crashed 4-0 at Sheffield United and their away performances have been disappointing to say the least, with ten defeats suffered in 15 trips.

four or five youngsters will be showing their ability in the famous white shirt in the very near future; some of them have already been given outings.

Neal will have the following players to choose from for this afternoon's match:



**DAVID FELGATE**, Welsh international goalkeeper, 29 today, who commenced his career at Burnden Park but failed to make the grade and after loan spells with both Rochdale and Crewe, was transferred to Lincoln City for £25,000 in September 1980.

He returned to Bolton in February 1987 after serving Cardiff and Grimsby and was an ever present for the Trotters last season when he was voted 'Player of the Year.' He has now amassed more than 400 League appearances.

**PHIL BROWN**, full-back, aged 31, formerly of Hartlepool United (243 apps) and Halifax Town (158 apps) who signed for Bolton in June 1988.

**BARRY COWDRILL**, full-back, aged 32, signed on a free transfer from West Bromwich Albion last July after he had made a total of 148 appearances for the Baggies. He has also served on loan with Rotherham United.

**GLENN KEELEY**, centre-back, aged 34, experienced defender, bought from Oldham Athletic seven months ago. Has been with Ipswich Town, Newcastle, Blackburn, Everton and Colchester United (on loan) in a career which began in 1972. Has now chalked up more than 450 senior appearances as a professional.

**MARK WINSTANLEY**, defender, aged 21, from St.Helens, who has been a 'pro' with Bolton for three years. A product of the club's Youth policy, he made his League debut v. Bournemouth in March 1986.

**NICKY BROOKMAN**, midfield, aged 20, from Manchester. Former YTS trainee, who was a member of Bolton's promotion winning side last season.

**ROB SAVAGE**, midfield, aged 29, a Liverpoolian, signed from Bradford City for £30,000 in September 1987. He has also served with Liverpool (apprentice), Wrexham (on loan), Stoke and Bournemouth.

**JULIAN DARBY**, defender/midfield, aged 21, a native of Bolton, who joined the club as a lad in 1983. Won England

school-boy honours and has now made 100 appearances for the Wanderers.

#### **TREVOR MORGAN**

striker, aged 32, from Forest Gate London, who began his career with Leytonstone in 1971. Since then he has played and scored in turn for the following: Bournemouth (15 goals in 60 games), Mansfield (6 in 13), Bournemouth again (38 in 101), Bristol City (11 in 37), Exeter City (9 in 34), Bristol Rovers (27 in 67) and Bristol City for a second time (7 in 19). He has already netted 15 goals for Bolton, including nine last season.

**JOHN THOMAS**, striker, aged 30, another goalscoring nomad who, like his partner 'up front' Morgan, has served, and scored, with a number of clubs, including Tranmere Rovers, Chester, Lincoln and Preston. He is in his second spell at Burnden Park and to date has netted a career total of 137 goals, including 29 last season, when he steered Bolton back into the Third Division.

**MICHAEL JEFFREY**, forward, aged 18, a relative newcomer to the side but a player of the future, says his manager.

Also in the camp are **IAN CALLAGHAN**, a 19 year-old YTS trainee; **JEFF CHANDLER**, 29, who has two Eire caps to his credit plus over 70 goals in first class football for Blackpool, Leeds, Derby, Mansfield and Bolton; **DEAN CROMBIE**, 34, who accumulated 363 senior outings for Grimsby before switching from Cleethorpes to Bolton 18 months ago; **GARY**



*Barry Cowdrill*

**HENSHAW**, 24, bought from Grimsby Town in the summer of 1987; **STEVE THOMPSON**, 24, a splendid club man who has been at Burnden Park for eight years and has hit more than 40 goals in 255 appearances; **IAN STEVENS**, 22, who has been with Preston and Stockport County, and **STUART STORER**, 22 year-old utility player, ex Blues and Everton, who began his career with Mansfield.

#### **MEET THE BOSS**

Phil Neal played 635 games for Liverpool between November 1974 and November 1985. Also, during those 12 years, he won 50 England caps and won virtually every honour in the game while playing at right-back for the Reds. Born at Irchester 38 years ago last month, Neal joined Northampton Town as a youngster and made 205 appearances for the Cobblers before transferring to Anfield for a bargain £65,000 in 1974. He was named as Bolton's player-manager in December 1985 and has now made more than 80 appearances for the Trotters and over 970 in all classes of football.



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# Molineux Matchfacts

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1. Mark KENDALL
2. Gary BELLAMY
3. Mark VENUS
4. Floyd STREETE
5. Keith DOWNING
6. Nigel VAUGHAN
7. Andy THOMPSON
8. Mick GOODING
9. Steve BULL
10. Andy MUTCH
11. Robbie DENNISON
12. Phil ROBINSON
14. Tim STEELE

## BOLTON WDS.

1. David FELGATE
2. Phil BROWN
3. Barry COWDRILL
4. Nicky BROOKMAN
5. Glenn KEELEY
6. Mark WINSTANLEY
7. Julian DARBY
8. Bob SAVAGE
9. Trevor MORGAN
10. John THOMAS
11. Michael JEFFREY
12. Phil NEAL
14. Gary HENSHAW

**Barclays League  
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**4th March 1989**

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- B. Bury v Gillingham
- C. Cardiff v Mansfield
- D. Chester v Bristol Rovers
- E. Chesterfield v Southend
- F. Fulham v Swansea
- G. Huddersfield v Aldershot
- H. Port Vale v Blackpool
- J. P. N. E. v Brentford
- K. Reading v Notts Co.
- L. Wigan v Sheffield Utd.
- M. Birmingham v Oxford Utd.
- N. Leicester v Walsall
- P. Sunderland v Chelsea
- Q. Sheffield Wed. v Charlton
- R. Crewe v Hartlepool
- T. Hereford v Peterborough
- W. Leyton O. v Burnley
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- Y. York v Grimsby Town

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# Captain's Log

**-Ally Robertson**



I've now been a professional for almost 20 years and during that time, like every other player, I've suffered my fair share of injuries, including a broken leg. Thankfully I have been able to fight my way back into the action without too much trouble, but just recently the old aging legs have not responded too quickly to Paul Darby's physiotherapy!

But I have to admit how hard it is to have to try and regain fitness away from the rest of the lads when the team is on such a high. I have never loved trekking round the perimeter of the pitch by myself, not even lapping it out with a couple of colleagues, especially while the rest of the team is planning ahead for the next vital match. This sort of seemingly labourious training is perhaps the hardest part of a footballer's life. But that's part and parcel of a footballer's daily routine when he's fighting his way back from injury. You have to take the rough with the smooth, and now, hopefully, I have shaken off my recent injury and am now rarin' to go, aiming of course to win back my place in the side.

I'm not the only one who has suffered with injury. Just think of Phil Chard and Robert Kelly. They've both had long lay-offs, Robert more so, yet both are now eager to stake a claim in the senior side as the season draws to its close when hopefully the Wolves will be declared Third Division Champions and once more pay a visit to Wembley Stadium.

The 'new face' in the camp - Tim Steele from Shrewsbury - is the quiet type but he's slotting in okay and looking forward to his career at Molineux. He made an impressive start in a reserve match recently and scored within five minutes. He looked very promising and there's no doubt he'll be pressing hard for a place in the side.

Last Tuesday's win at Blackpool was a great result. We slogged it out in the mud and driving rain and I would like to say a big thank you to the 2,000 plus supporters who cheered us on against the Seaside. Keep up the good work - we all appreciate it.

If we can win at home and only draw away from now until the end of the season, then Second Division football will return to Molineux. The gaffer, though, will make sure our feet are kept firmly on the ground. He won't let us get carried away - just yet!

You may well have read on the manager's page that tomorrow night I am going along to Ian Handysides' Testimonial Dinner in Birmingham. Ian is a great guy - and he will be sorely missed by a lot of people in the game. I played with Ian here at Molineux back in 1986 when he was on loan from Blues, and I just hope everything goes right for him in the future.

Cheers for now.

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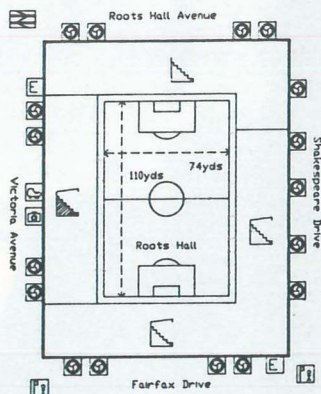
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# Goals Goals Goals Goals Goals

Six goals twice, five goals three times and four once (as I write): why, it's back to the good old, free-scoring days at Molineux.

There's absolutely nothing like goals, is there? I have absolutely no doubt whatsoever that a straw poll of football fans would place seeing the ball hit the back of the opponents' net far ahead of witnessing prissy- pretty football without an end product. Stylish play is all very well- but immaculate soccer with no end result is merely a tease. Having said that, I do accept that a goal-glut climax is all the more enjoyable if it has been preceded by some enterprising fore-play.

At Wolverhampton this season, however, we have been able to bask in the sweetest of goalscoring glows. Goals don't just happen, of course: they can only be a reflection of real team quality. It is so refreshing, though, to see the team going forward relentlessly in the continuing search for more and more notches to the bow. It is thrilling that, once again, the motto seems to be one that the victorious team will be the one that scores more often than they give goals away. How depressing were the seventies when the policy was primarily one of 'winning teams don't concede goals'. Granted, if you can marry excellence in attack and defence (as we seem to) then it's a particularly happy union. But, at the end of the day I think that most of us (except perhaps the poor old nerve-wracked managers and coaches) would prefer to see a 5-4 than a 1-0 win for our teams.

The highest scoring League season in Wanderers' history was 1931-2, when 115 goals saw us returned to the premier standard with the first Second Division championship in the club's history. Fourteen players shared the scoring that term, with Billy Hartill (30), Walter Bottrill (21), Charlie Phillips (18) and Jimmy Deacon (13) leading the way. All told, Wolves hit 7, 6 and 4 on three occasions each and 5 twice. The following season, however, the gold shirts were on the receiving end. On the 5th November Arsenal supplied the fireworks and took the game 7-1 at Molineux. Their supporters were certainly getting value for money, for a week earlier The Gunners had done Leicester by 8 goals to 2 at Highbury.

The team which Major Buckley had put together to restore Wolves to the top division were not especially well loved by the footballing critics, for all their prowess at depressing opposing custodians. As Dr Percy Young observes, descriptions of them ranged from 'kick and rush' to 'extreme vigour'. Yet it so often has been the case that the successful earn resentful criticism.

In the fifties, too, Wanderers were not always popular with some for succeeding through the use of the supposedly undignified long ball game. Latterly some of Graham Taylor's teams have effectively adopted a similar strategy. Wimbledon, too, have achieved more than they could have dreamed of with a direct (if loathsomely robust) attitude. What each of these sides have done, however, is to make maximum use of the resources available to them.

And, certainly in the case of Stan Cullis' magnificent Wolves, surely nobody could ever claim that the paying populace wasn't hugely entertained. In the ten seasons commencing 1951-2, Wolves struck no fewer than 949 goals. The important thing though was that there seemed to be no greater fear of letting 'em in at the other end. Thus in the same period a total of 635 goals struck the Molineux men's netting in Division One games. So if you were lucky enough to see every Wolves game home and away over those ten years you would have enjoyed an average of 3.77 goals per game. That, ladies and gents, allied to the pleasure of seeing the vast talent of innumerable fine players with names etched into the fabric of this mighty club, constituted excellent value for money.

A value for money which we are enjoying once more. As I write this, 112 goals have been hit in our games so far this season - an average of 3.29 goals per game. Happily (and importantly) 68 per cent of those goals have fallen to the boys in Gold. It's all been very exciting - and I'm sure there's more to follow.

The lads might like to ruminate on the fact, though, that it's 14 seasons since the club hit seven: Chelsea were pensioned off that day on Willie Carr's debut. Less happily we recall that five goals were struck on three occasions the following season - and Wolves still got relegated! Or how about 1965-6? Old hands will recall an 8-2 drubbing of Portsmouth here at Molineux a very short while after Pompey's neighbours Southampton had slammed nine past David

# After The Fold

by Charlie Bamforth

MacLaren at The Dell. MacLaren, who later returned to Molineux as a coach, went on to play for the Saints!

But it was back in the fifties and early sixties when football fans up and down the land really had it so good. 1960-1 was typical. Spurs completed the double with a side, sporting the likes of Bobby Smith and Cliff Jones, that rattled 115 goals in Division One. Sheffield Wednesday were second with one of the more defence-minded teams of the time. They conceded far fewer goals than any other team in the Division - yet actually scored 8 goals fewer than Newcastle, who were relegated. Wolves' third place was earned with 103 scores - whilst at the other end Messrs Finlayson, Sidebottom and Brodie retrieved the ball 75 times! Fourth - placed Burnley's tally was for 102, against 77. Chelsea, Greavesy included, hit 98 yet conceded 100. In the Fourth, newly-elected Peterborough struck 134 goals, 52 of them accruing to Terry Bly.

That's good going by anyone's standards. But, then again, there's goalscoring and goalscoring. Just how many goals Arbroath got in 1885-6 I haven't a clue. But, as every schoolboy should know, they had an easy-sounding passage through to the second round of the Scottish F.A. Cup by defeating the unfortunate Bon Accord by 36 goals to nil. It was 15-0 at half time. To be charitable, the visitors were actually a cricket club who received the invitation to compete by mistake! Aberdeen Rovers, however, didn't have that excuse. So imagine the frustration of Dundee Harps for, on the very same day that Arbroath enjoyed their comfortable victory, the Dundee club had struck 35 goals past the Aberdeen keeper! Ah! Goals! The true currency of this noble game! Let's hope for further inflations!



**PHIL BRANCHING OUT...** Many footballers harbour thoughts of going into coaching and management at the end of their playing days and Phil Robinson is no exception. Alongside the three-year physiotherapy course he's engaged in Phil has started out on the coaching trail. The side receiving the benefit of his professional expertise is Stafford Sunday League division 5 outfit, The Trumpet, who he now takes for training on a Wednesday night and who he watches on match-days. "My best mate plays for them and my involvement with them started when the players asked me to point out anything they might be doing wrong," he said.

**IN THE FRAME.....**A picture of Robbie Dennison in full flight is about to come under the critical gaze of some of the country's top photographers. The colour photo, showing Robbie in airborne, horizontal action in the 3-0 victory over Southend in November, has been submitted by Express and Star chief photographer Dave Bagnall as his entry in the British regional press awards sports photographer of the year competition. A mounted copy of the photo is also on its way to Robbie as Bagnall aims to win the title for the second time

**COMIC CAPERS.....**Ask for a volunteer from the Wolves dressing room to do something silly and it's a fair bet keeper Mark Kendall will be at or near the front of the queue. So it proved when Kendo sported a red nose, Bermuda shorts and knotted handkerchief in a special Comic Relief promotion at the Lunn Poly travel agency in Dudley. "I looked like the proper Englishman, or Welshman, abroad!" he said.

# Tales From The Boot Room

by David Instone  
of the Express & Star



**Mark Kendall**  
"Joker in the pack"

**ELEMENTARY, HOLMES.....**That's what Jackie Gallagher might have said when one of his goals on loan to Wisbech drew rich praise from former Molineux team-mate Micky Holmes. Micky, a visitor to Wolves for the Sherpa Van Trophy victory over Northampton, made the recent move from Huddersfield to Cambridge on a free transfer and was quickly accommodated at the Gallagher household in East Anglia. It was then that he saw Jackie's FA Trophy goal for Wisbech on local TV and he reported: "It was a cracking goal - a diving header!" The duo's paths have crossed on an almost daily basis, with Jackie training with Cambridge during his spell with the Eastern Counties League club.

**WHOOSH, TIM'S HERE....**Ioan Bebb is no longer the only athletics star on Wolves' books. New signing Tim Steele, an £80,000 capture from Shrewsbury, is a former Warwickshire schoolboy 100m champion and has already given observers a glimpse of his lightning pace. In his first game for the club - the 3-0 Midland Senior League victory here over Chesterfield - he showed his flair for speeding past defenders and needed only five minutes to record his first goal, a fierce right-foot shot doing the trick. "It was nice to make a winning start and to score a goal but it will take a while to settle in," he said.

**BRAINY BELLAMY.....**Gary Bellamy isn't only one of the lower divisions' classiest defenders and a very able stand-in skipper. He's also a bright lad off the field, as his marks in a recent set of mock exams at Telford Arts and Technical College prove. Gary, working towards a possible career in leisure management after his playing career, recorded marks of 70% in a management and organisation exam, 60% in operations management, 88% in statistics and computer data and 70% in industrial environment.

**MATT FINISH (TWICE).....**Is this some kind of record? In the recent 6-0 Midland Senior League slaughter of Hartlepool at Molineux, youngster Matt Green went on as substitute and scored. A few hours later, in the Midland Floodlit Youth League game against Alvechurch, he went on as substitute - and scored again! The goal in the 2-0 win over Alvechurch, in fact, came with his first touch of the ball after Martin Briggs had gone off injured.



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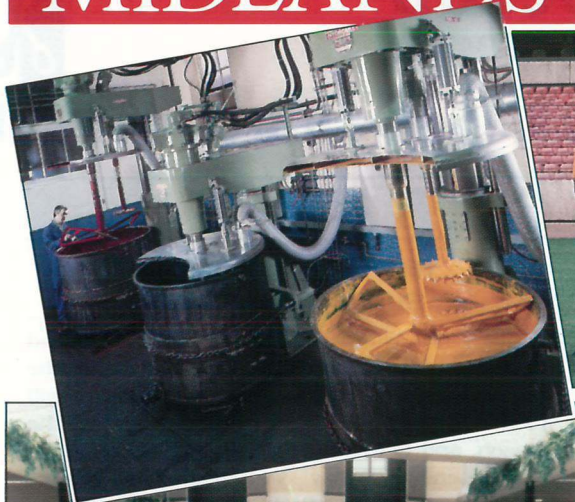
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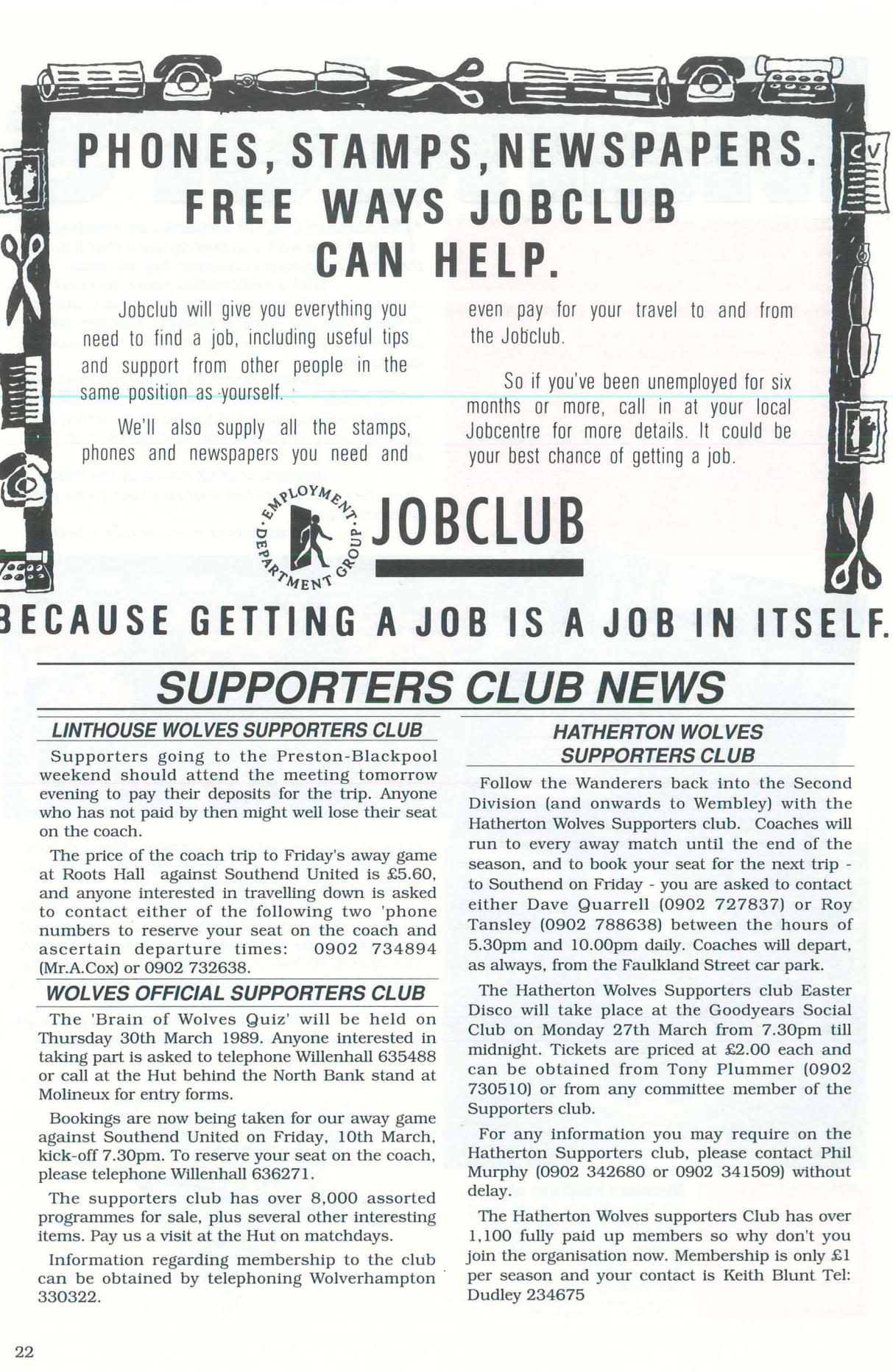
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## SUPPORTERS CLUB NEWS

### LINTHOUSE WOLVES SUPPORTERS CLUB

Supporters going to the Preston-Blackpool weekend should attend the meeting tomorrow evening to pay their deposits for the trip. Anyone who has not paid by then might well lose their seat on the coach.

The price of the coach trip to Friday's away game at Roots Hall against Southend United is £5.60, and anyone interested in travelling down is asked to contact either of the following two 'phone numbers to reserve your seat on the coach and ascertain departure times: 0902 734894 (Mr.A.Cox) or 0902 732638.

### WOLVES OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUB

The 'Brain of Wolves Quiz' will be held on Thursday 30th March 1989. Anyone interested in taking part is asked to telephone Willenhall 635488 or call at the Hut behind the North Bank stand at Molineux for entry forms.

Bookings are now being taken for our away game against Southend United on Friday, 10th March, kick-off 7.30pm. To reserve your seat on the coach, please telephone Willenhall 636271.

The supporters club has over 8,000 assorted programmes for sale, plus several other interesting items. Pay us a visit at the Hut on matchdays.

Information regarding membership to the club can be obtained by telephoning Wolverhampton 330322.

### HATHERTON WOLVES SUPPORTERS CLUB

Follow the Wanderers back into the Second Division (and onwards to Wembley) with the Hatherton Wolves Supporters club. Coaches will run to every away match until the end of the season, and to book your seat for the next trip - to Southend on Friday - you are asked to contact either Dave Quarrell (0902 727837) or Roy Tansley (0902 788638) between the hours of 5.30pm and 10.00pm daily. Coaches will depart, as always, from the Faulkland Street car park.

The Hatherton Wolves Supporters club Easter Disco will take place at the Goodyears Social Club on Monday 27th March from 7.30pm till midnight. Tickets are priced at £2.00 each and can be obtained from Tony Plummer (0902 730510) or from any committee member of the Supporters club.

For any information you may require on the Hatherton Supporters club, please contact Phil Murphy (0902 342680 or 0902 341509) without delay.

The Hatherton Wolves supporters Club has over 1,100 fully paid up members so why don't you join the organisation now. Membership is only £1 per season and your contact is Keith Blunt Tel: Dudley 234675





Dear Editor

I am writing this letter the day following the 2-0 home victory v. Cardiff.

Prior to this match I read that a fellow spectator at the Chester game at Molineux was a certain Mr Dalglish. I now read that no less than five first Division scouts were present last night.

Whilst it's great to see Wolves attracting such media publicity it is at the same time disconcerting. Wolves should not be treated as a training ground for clubs in higher divisions. The first Division may have forgotten Wolves, but Wolves haven't forgotten Division one. Soon the Wolves will be back where they belong - in the big time.

Hopefully 'Bully' will be there to lead the charge. Other clubs must be prevented from poaching as the South Bank call him "the Saviour of our team". As a non-local it isn't easy to keep up to date daily on the situation, but hope that the reports that 'Bully' isn't interested in a move are accurate. The success that he and the rest of the team have achieved should now be built upon for the future.

Mr. P. D. Harding  
Ellesmere Port.

P.S. Apart from Speedway, Ellesmere Port is hardly famous, so it's great to see Graham Turner (who was born there) doing so well. Keep up the good work Mr. T.

*Send your letters to:*

The Editor, Wolves Matchday Magazine, The Commercial Dept, North Bank Car Park, Molineux Stadium, Wolverhampton.

Dear Sir,

Many congratulations on your current success at the club. Better times are now emerging and the crowds are on the up again. I have been a supporter since the days of Richards and 'Doog' in the 1970's, and indeed, I still watch your results with interest.

I have 12 programmes to sell to one of your lucky supporters, two of which are from the 1950's. Anyone interested can write to me at the address below.

Thankyou,  
Mr.S.Borsbey,  
59 East Lancs. Road,  
Swinton,  
Gt. Manchester,  
M27 1LY.

Dear Sir,

I have several Wolves away programmes for sale from the period 1960 to 1983. I am prepared to sell them as a job lot, in seasons or individually, depending on collectors' requirements.

Please write to me for a complete list.

Yours in sport,  
Mr.M.G.Page,  
1 Church Drive,  
Boultham Park Rd.,  
Lincoln, LN6 7AX.

Dear Sir,

I thought it might be interesting to recall the last decade of Wolves' history. I also thinks it prompts the question: 'How many other clubs' fans have endured, despaired, overcome and finally savoured what we have seen at Wolves during the last ten years? This is the fact file: 1979 F.A.Cup semi-finalists; 1980 League Cup winners; 1981 F.A.Cup semi-finalists; 1982 relegated to Division 2; 1983 promoted to Division 1; 1984 relegated to Division 2; 1985 relegated to Division 3; 1986 relegated to Division 4; 1987 defeat by non-League Chorley and disappointment in the Play-off final against Aldershot; 1988 two visits to Wembley, Fourth Division Champions, Sherpa Van Trophy winners and the emergence of Steve Bull in full cry.

Yours in football,  
P.M.Evans,  
Mount Nod,  
Coventry.  
(PS. I love the programme).

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# Wolves FACTS 'n' FIGURES

## DIVISION 3 FACTS & FIGURES.....

Club	Leading Scorer	Home Best League Gate	Home Average Gate
Aldershot	I. McDonald	4,012 v Brentford	2,465
Blackpool	A. Garner	8,951 v. P.N.E.	4,879
Bolton W.	S. Thompson	9,345 v Sheffield United	5,601
Brentford	R. Cadette	8,020 v Wolves	5,445
Bristol City	A. Walsh	23,191 v Bristol Rovers	9,469
Bristol Rov.	G. Penrice	8,480 v Wolves	4,818
Bury	L. Robinson	6,977 v P.N.E.	3,220
Cardiff C.	J. Gilligan	10,675 v Swansea	4,734
Chester	C. Dale	4,891 v Port Vale	2,860
Chesterfield	A. Morris	5,589 v Huddersfield	3,312
Fulham	A. Sayer	8,120 v Brentford	4,765
Gillingham	S. Lovell	5,871 v Fulham	3,931
Huddersfield	C. Maskell	10,434 v Sheffield United	6,171
Mansfield	K. Cassells	5,907 v Notts County	3,506
Northampton	A. Adcock	6,494 v Wolves	4,036
Notts County	I. McParland	11,590 v Sheffield United	6,254
Port Vale	D. Beckford	16,362 v Wolves	6,901
P.N.E.	A. Ellis	12,104 v Bolton W.	7,119
Reading	T. Senior	9,353 v Wolves	5,768
Sheffield Utd.	A. Agana/B. Deane	18,787 v Port Vale	11,886
Southend	D. Crown	5,034 v Northampton	3,405
Swansea	A. Meville	6,772 v Reading	4,908
Wigan Ath.	W. Entwistle	4,438 v Bolton	2,132
Wolves	S. Bull	21,901 v Chester	13,043

### POST MATCH DIGEST

Midland Senior League 22nd February 1989  
Wolves 3 Chesterfield 0     Scorers: Steele, Taylor 2  
Team: Bartram; Bennett, Chard; Clarke, Robertson, Robinson; Steele, Kelly, C. Taylor, Gibbs, Bebb (Green). Sub: Fennell.  
Forthcoming fixtures:  
Purity League - 11th March v. Walsall (a); 18th v Stoke (h).  
Senior League - 8th March v. Wrexham (a); 14th March v. Walsall (a).

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## WOLVES - BOLTON MATCH FACTS

This afternoon's game is the 98th in the Football League between the two Wanderers of the English scene, Wolves and Bolton, both of whom were founder members of the League back in 1888.  
This is Wolves' record in the competition against their Lancastrian visitors:

Venue	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	48	30	9	9	119	51
Away	49	13	9	27	63	94
Total	97	43	18	36	182	145

\*The first two meetings took place six weeks apart in season 1888-89.  
Both teams won their respective home game - Wolves 3-2 in November and Bolton 2-1 four days after Christmas. Cooper scored in both games for Wolves.  
\*Wolves' best League win over Bolton is 7-1 - achieved at Molineux on 2nd September 1950. A crowd of 46,764 saw Roy Swinbourne grab a fine hat-trick, the other goals coming from Johnny Hancock 2, Jimmy Dunn and Jimmy Mullen.  
\*Four years earlier, on 14th December 1946, Dennis Westcott grabbed a fourtinner as Wolves whipped Bolton 5-0 at Molineux in front of a near 38,000 crowd.  
\*Wolves made a marvellous start to their home League programme in 1957-58 when they crushed Bolton 6-1 at Molineux on 28th August. Norman Deeley 2, Jimmy Murray 2, Colin Booth and Peter Broadbent hit the target and the gate was 30,790.  
\*The corresponding fixture last season - played on 27th February - resulted in a 4-0 win for Wolves; Steve Bull 2, Robbie Dennison and Phil Robinson hitting the target before a 12,430 turnout.  
\*Bolton have only won one of their last ten League games against Wolves here at Molineux. That was a 2-0 triumph in season 1985-86.

## HE PLAYED FOR BOTH CLUBS

Hugh Curran had an excellent career in first-class football. An out-and-out striker he served and scored for six different clubs and he also won five full caps for Scotland.  
Curran was born in Glasgow on 25th September 1943, and after beginning his career with Third Lanark in 1962, he moved south into the Football League and joined Millwall in March 1964. He hit 27 goals in 58 League games for the Lions before transferring to Norwich City in January 1966.  
Exactly three years later, after a record of 46 goals in 112 League outings for the Canaries, he signed for Wolves and stayed at Molineux until September 1972 when he switched to Oxford United. He registered 40 League goals in 82 appearances in the Old Gold strip and his strike record for Oxford was 26 goals in 70 games, up to September 1974 when he signed for Bolton. For the Trotters Curran played in 47 League games and obtained 13 goals. He then returned to Oxford in July 1977 and pulled out of League Football in the summer of 1979 after accumulating a very impressive record of 163 goals in 404 appearances.



**FIXTURES 1988/**

BURY	SAT AUG 27	1 - 3	Kendall	Bellamy	Thompson	Streeter(1)	Robertson	Robertson	Vaughan	Chard	Bull	Mitch	Demison	Venus	Clarke
	TUE AUG 30	3 - 2	Kendall	Bellamy	Thompson	Streeter	Robertson	Robertson	Vaughan	Chard	Bull(2)	Mitch	Demison(1)	Venus	Clarke
READING	SAT SEP 3	2 - 1	10:513	Bellamy	Thompson	Streeter	Robertson	Robertson	Vaughan	Chard	Bull	Mitch	Demison(1)	Venus	Gallagher 11s
	TUE SEP 6	0 - 1	8:931	Bellamy	Thompson	Streeter	Robertson	Robertson	Vaughan	Chard	Bull	Mitch	Demison	Venus	Gallagher 11s
BIRMINGHAM (LC/Rd 1/2L)	SAT SEP 10	3 - 0	4:217	Bellamy	Thompson	Streeter	Robertson	Robertson	Vaughan	Chard	Bull	Mitch	Demison	Venus	Gallagher 11s
	SAT SEP 17	0 - 0	10:870	Bellamy	Thompson	Streeter	Robertson	Robertson	Vaughan	Chard	Bull	Mitch	Demison	Venus	Gallagher
NOTTS COUNTY	TUE SEP 20	1 - 0	8:991	Bellamy	Thompson	Clarke	Robertson	Robertson	Gooding	Chard	Bull(1)	Mitch	Demison	Venus	Gallagher
	SAT SEP 24	5 - 2	5:240	Bellamy	Thompson	Venus	Clarke	Robertson	Gooding	Chard	Bull(1)	Mitch	Demison(1)	Venus	Gallagher
ALDERSHOT	SAT SEP 24	3 - 3	14:108	Bellamy	Thompson	Venus	Clarke	Robertson	Gooding	Chard	Bull(2)	Mitch	Demison	Venus	Gallagher
	SAT OCT 1	3 - 3	14:108	Bellamy	Thompson	Venus	Clarke	Robertson	Gooding	Chard	Bull(2)	Mitch	Demison	Venus	Gallagher
SPAINSEA CITY	SAT OCT 1	3 - 3	14:108	Bellamy	Thompson	Venus	Clarke	Robertson	Gooding	Chard	Bull(2)	Mitch	Demison	Venus	Gallagher
	MED OCT 5	2 - 2	4:828	Bellamy	Thompson	Clarke	Robertson	Robertson	Gooding	Chard	Bull	Mitch(1)	Demison	Venus	Gallagher
FULHAM	SAT OCT 8	0 - 2	14:272	Bellamy	Thompson	Clarke	Robertson	Robertson	Gooding	Chard	Bull	Mitch	Demison	Brindley	Gallagher 8s
	SAT OCT 15	2 - 1	10:320	Bellamy	Thompson	Streeter	Venus	Robertson	Gooding	Chard	Bull	Mitch	Demison	Clarke	Bennet 1
WIGAN ATHLETIC	SAT OCT 22	2 - 1	8:174	Bellamy	Thompson	Streeter	Venus	Robertson	Gooding	Chard	Bull	Mitch	Demison	Bennet 1	Downing 4s
	TUE OCT 25	2 - 1	12:104	Bellamy	Thompson	Streeter	Venus	Robertson	Gallagher	Chard	Bull	Mitch	Demison	Bennet 1	Downing 8s
BLACKPOOL	SAT OCT 29	3 - 1	5:288	Bellamy	Thompson	Robertson	Venus	Robertson	Gallagher	Chard	Bull	Mitch(2)	Demison	Bennet 1	Brindley
	SAT OCT 29	3 - 1	5:288	Bellamy	Thompson	Robertson	Venus	Robertson	Gallagher	Chard	Bull	Mitch(2)	Demison	Bennet 1	Brindley
SOUTHEND UNITED	SAT NOV 5	3 - 0	10:432	Bellamy	Venus	Robertson	Venus	Robertson	Gallagher	Downing	Bull(1)	Mitch	Demison	Bennet 1	Gallagher 5s
	SAT NOV 5	3 - 0	10:432	Bellamy	Venus	Robertson	Venus	Robertson	Gallagher	Downing	Bull(1)	Mitch	Demison	Bennet 1	Gallagher 5s
BRISTOL CITY	TUE NOV 8	1 - 0	11:336	Bellamy	Venus	Streeter	Robertson	Robertson	Thompson	Downing	Bull	Mitch	Demison	Gallagher	Bennet
	SAT NOV 12	4 - 1	12:897	Bellamy	Venus	Streeter	Robertson	Robertson	Thompson	Downing	Bull	Mitch	Demison	Gallagher	Bennet
HUDERSFIELD TOWN	SAT NOV 19	6 - 0	7:922	Bellamy	Venus	Streeter	Robertson	Robertson	Thompson	Downing	Bull	Mitch	Demison	Bennet 6s	Gallagher 11s
	SAT NOV 19	6 - 0	7:922	Bellamy	Venus	Streeter	Robertson	Robertson	Thompson	Downing	Bull	Mitch	Demison	Bennet 6s	Gallagher 11s
GRIMSBY TOWN (F A CUP 1)	SAT NOV 26	2 - 2	13:180	Bellamy	Venus	Streeter	Robertson	Robertson	Thompson	Downing	Bull	Mitch	Demison	Bennet 6s	Gallagher 8s
	SAT NOV 26	2 - 2	13:180	Bellamy	Venus	Streeter	Robertson	Robertson	Thompson	Downing	Bull	Mitch	Demison	Bennet 6s	Gallagher 8s
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		Leading positions up to and including Tuesday 28th February 1989														
	Player	League	F.A.C.	L.C.C.	S.V.T.	Total	G	Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
TUE MAR 14	<b>GILLINGHAM</b>							1	WOLVES	29	19	7	3	65	29	64
SAT MAR 18	<b>BURY</b>		1		4	36		2	Port Vale	29	16	7	6	53	28	55
SAT MAR 25	<b>CHESTER CITY</b>		0+1			0+3	35	3	Bury Utd.	31	14	9	8	50	40	51
MON MAR 27	<b>BRISTOL ROVERS</b>	0+2	1	2	4	36		4	Sheff Utd.	27	15	5	7	60	32	50
SAT APR 1	<b>MANCHESTER TOWN</b>	25		2		14	3	5	Preston	31	13	9	9	52	38	48
TUE APR 4	<b>CARDIFF CITY</b>	12	1	2		8		6	Swansea	29	13	9	7	38	29	48
SAT APR 8	<b>BRENTFORD</b>	3		2			7	7	Chester	29	14	6	9	44	43	48
SAT APR 15	<b>ALDERSHOT</b>	7	1				1	8	Bristol R	29	12	10	7	46	33	46
SAT APR 22	<b>SWANSEA CITY</b>	24+3	1	2	1	31+2	7	9	Manfield	30	10	12	8	35	32	42
SAT APR 29	<b>HUDDERSFIELD TOWN</b>	15+3	1		2+2	18+5	1	10	Fulham	30	12	6	12	47	49	42
MON MAY 1	<b>BRISTOL CITY</b>	4+4	0+1	0+1		4+6	1	11	Hudders'fd	28	12	5	11	34	38	41
SAT MAY 6	<b>NORTHAMPTON TOWN</b>	16+1			3	19+1	4	*19	Boiton W.	29	9	7	13	35	40	34
TUE MAY 9	<b>SHEFFIELD UNITED</b>	0+1				0+2										
SAT MAY 13	<b>PRESTON NORTH END</b>	29	1	2	4	36	15									
		14	1	2	4	36										
		10	1	2	3	25										

\* Thomas own goal against Fulham (h)

## ATTENDANCE FACTS

the average attendances at Third Division matches this season is showing an increase of over 9%. In 1987-88 after 398 matches had been fulfilled (to the end of February) the average turn-out was 9,912. At the same stage this season with 352 matches completed, the average is a creditable 5,403. There have so far been 32 attendances of over 10,000 and two clubs - Bristol City and Wolves

BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

	Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	WOLVES	29	7	3	65	29	64	
2	Port Vale	29	16	7	6	53	28	55
3	Bury	31	14	9	8	50	40	51
4	Sheff. Utd.	27	15	5	7	60	32	50
5	Preston	31	13	9	9	52	38	48
6	Swansea	29	13	9	7	38	29	48
7	Chester	29	14	6	9	44	43	48
8	Bristol R.	29	12	10	7	46	33	46
9	Mansfield	30	10	12	8	35	32	42
10	Fulham	30	12	6	12	47	49	42
11	Hudders'd	28	12	5	11	34	38	41
*19	Bolton W.	29	9	7	13	35	40	34



## AWAY TICKET INFORMATION

Barclays League Division 3  
Southend United v. Wolves  
at Roots Hall  
Friday 10th March 1989  
Kick-off 7.30pm.

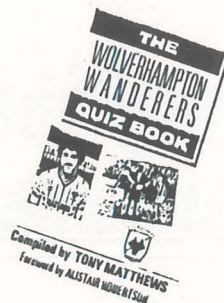
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Chester City v. Wolves  
at Sealand Road  
Saturday 25th March 1989  
Kick-off 3.00pm.

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and details of terrace and  
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Nicky Clarke	-----Chapel Ash Kitchens-----				FREE
Phil Chard	-----Rushdale Builders-----				Richard Bellis
Robbie Dennison	Mark & Andrew Waller	Doreen Moscrop	Hazel & Diane	Aldridge Curtains 0922/53627	Great Western Wolves
Keith Downing	Parma & Baljit Sahota & Staff, Westside Fishbar, Blackheath Towncentre		Opp. Kwiksave 021 559 1068		Midland Curtains & Blinds
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Tim Steele	Sharon Upton & Ivan White	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE



# The Billy Wright Story

by Charlie Bamforth

## Part 1

"Billy Wright was my hero when I was a lad. I wrote to him once, never enclosing a stamped addressed envelope of course. But, sure enough, a letter came to me enclosing a programme, and there, over his name at number 4 was the signature: Billy Wright. I've still got the programme to this day."

William Ambrose Wright has been as much a hero for current manager Graham Turner as for every other true Wolverhampton Wanderers supporter. Quite simply, Billy Wright was the best known Wolves player ever. And now, after a hugely successful career as footballer, manager and television executive, he has 'hung up his boots' for good. He retired, aged 65, exactly a month ago. At his retirement party the great man actually greeted me in person at the reception of the Central Television headquarters - and, indeed, it rapidly became quite obvious that here is a man without a superiority complex who is refreshingly unaltered by his many triumphs. As we walked briskly through the meandering corridors of the Birmingham office block, everybody greeted him cheerily as 'Billy' and received an equally warm reply. Quite clearly he is as popular now as he was when those glowing blond locks led the Wolves to their greatest triumphs.

How staggering, then, to recall that Billy Wright's Molineux career so nearly finished almost before it had started.

"I was signed for Wolves by Major Frank Buckley on 2nd June, 1938, but within six months had been sent home to Ironbridge - too small! That might have been that, but the Major was persuaded to change his mind by my old landlord in the town, Arthur Colley. Walking in the park one lunchtime he bumped into the Major: 'Any chance of getting Bill back to Wolves?' he asked, 'he is a good worker and, if you don't give him another chance, what's he going to make of his life? He'll end up in the foundry like his father'.

"The Wolves secretary Jack Howley, trainer Jack Nelson and groundsman Albert Tye also put in a good word and the Major sent for me again. But he just couldn't find where to play me for the best! He tried me in every forward position in the 'B' team, but eventually moved me to wing half and must have seen something!"

Thus Billy Wright became one of Frank Buckley's pack of exciting young Wolves cubs, alongside the likes of Jimmy Mullen and Alan Steen.

"Buckley's Babes, they called us -

the newspapers featured cartoons of Wolves players with dummies stuffed in their month!"

Tragically the Second World War interrupted the progress of many of these lads - but the young Wright and Mullen continued to develop their footballing prowess as regular members of the wartime Wolves teams, participating in Regional Leagues and Cup competitions as well as friendly matches.

"The Major, though, decided that he wasn't going to field a side in 1940/41, so Jimmy and I guested for Leicester City. I played on the right wing, he was on the left. I enjoyed



**Billy working out at Molineux in 1954**

that season immensely - even allowing for the trip by Midland Red to the Bull Ring and thence to Leicester by way of Coventry!"

The two young Wolves travelled only for games, but struck up such an understanding with their teammates that they hit 23 goals between them as the Filbert Street side won the Midland Cup. Such promise was clearly invaluable when Wolves regrouped for the 1941-1942 season. Indeed the club went on to win the War Cup, defeating Sunderland 6-3 on aggregate in a two-leg final.

"Regrettably, I missed that final. I broke an ankle in the semi against West Brom. The ankle was pinned and amazingly I was back in action within three months."

By now, Billy Wright was recruited into the army.

"I joined up in Shrewsbury and played for the army side which included West Brom's 'W.G. Richardson, Roy Brown of Stoke and our own Johnny Hancocks. Then it was to the PT Corps at Aldershot, before a nice little posting to Wolverhampton! I finished, though, at the Army Physical Training School at Aldershot, which meant a 6.30 am train to Waterloo station, a change at Paddington then on to Wolverhampton for games at Molineux. Afterwards I'd be on the 5.33 train south!"

Billy Wright's footballing development, even allowing for the war, had been substantial. Upon the resumption of peacetime his career went from strength to strength. The start of his England career got underway in 1946... and we all know he went on to win 105 caps. In fact, his first game for his country didn't count towards that magnificent tally - it was a Victory international at Wembley on 19th January, 1946, when Belgium were on the receiving end of a 2-0 defeat.

"The country was frozen, but remarkably the Wembley turf was beautifully soft beneath a mild frost. Joe Mercer was my skipper - I was selected at right half behind the great Stan Matthews. That concerned me. 'Joe' I asked 'what do I do?' Joe Mercer smiled: 'Billy, just get the ball, give it to Stan and leave him alone!' That came a bit strange to me, because at Wolves we were encouraged to pass the ball and then move on to look for it again."

But Billy Wright's superb service to his country was launched - a service which saw him play in every England game between October 1951 and May 1959. The majority of those appearances were as captain, and indeed he had been skipper of the Wolves since 1948 in succession to Stan Cullis, newly elevated to managerial status. Was it difficult to replace such a celebrated leader?

"No, I must say, I took it in my stride. You see, I loved the game. Playing for Wolves was simply enjoyable - there really wasn't that much pressure. Why, only recently Stan and I were saying that we didn't bother with tactics. Each of us players knew exactly what our own job was - it was up to the opposition to worry about us!"

TO BE CONTINUED

This interview is produced in full in the March issue of Football Today



# The Wolf Man

## KEITH BUTLER

**A**ny successful football club these days, needs to have a successful commercial department as well, and so the appointment of a new Commercial Manager at Wolves is an important development.

Keith Butler comes to Molineux with a wealth of experience behind him, having first started in the business fifteen seasons ago at Swindon Town.

35 year old Keith joined the Wiltshire club almost immediately after leaving college, and worked in the promotions department. Then in 1975 he became one of the youngest Commercial Managers in the country when he moved north to Rochdale.

"Many of my older counterparts at other clubs still refer to me as 'young Keith' because I joined their ranks at such an early age," Keith points out, "I was very fortunate to get a job like that so young, and I learnt a great deal at Rochdale."

He moved south again two years later to join the team at Millwall, a side managed by Gordon Jago, someone who greatly impressed 'young Keith'.

"It's a great pity that someone like him is no longer coaching in English football," bemoans Keith, revealing his admiration of coaches who achieve success with unfashionable clubs. "They are the real heroes," he says.

Keith was born in Walton on Thames (actually in an ambulance on the A3050!) and was educated in Surrey, and so not surprisingly grew up a Fulham fan.



"Johnny Haynes was my favourite player, he used to whistle at my mom when she walked past the training ground," he revealed. Because of his early love of the game the young Keith harboured dreams of being a professional footballer himself, but those were quickly dispelled and he soon built himself a career in football - off the field.

Keith enjoys the challenge of being a Commercial Manager, in fact the greater the challenge the more he likes it. Following his time at Millwall he surprisingly moved into non-league with Gravesend and Northfleet.

"It was a difficult job, but we became one of the most successful non-league commercial departments in the country, enabling the team to gain success on the field," he says.

Keith's experience has not been limited to football though. In 1981 he joined Worcestershire County Cricket

Club and moved into what he described as "a very different world." But after four years his fanaticism for the game brought him back to football, this time with Hereford United.

He was glad to be back in football and enjoyed his time with Hereford. "I was very sad to leave United, they're a smashing club, but really I didn't have to think twice about it when I was offered the job at Molineux," said Keith, "after all it is simply one of the best commercial jobs in football, and at one of the biggest clubs"

Apart from his activities on the commercial side of the game, Keith is also actively involved with another aspect

of the game at the moment, namely the introduction of a national I.D. Card scheme.

"As a local councillor with experience in football I act as adviser to the Democrat spokesman, Menzies Campbell M.P. The issue is obviously very important to the future of the game, and whilst I don't feel that the I.D. scheme will work, it is my responsibility to make sure that if and when the government do introduce it, Wolves take advantage of the commercial opportunities, and that the fans are inconvenienced as little as possible," he says.

These are changing times for football as a whole and for Wolves in particular and Keith Butler is looking forward to the challenge of matching the teams renaissance with growth on the commercial side.

"I want us to contribute as much behind the scenes as the team do on the field," he concludes.

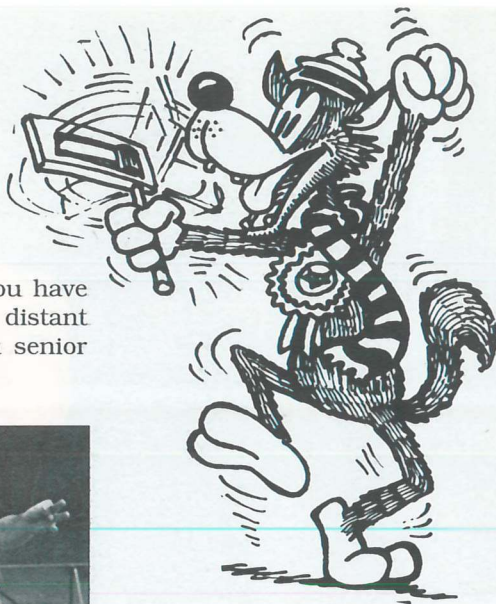






# Wolf Cubs

This afternoon's competition is another one where you have to identify two former Wolves players from the not too distant past, but you may require a little assistance from a senior member of the family in identifying one of them!



## WHAT THE GOVERNMENT'S IDENTITY CARD SCHEME WILL MEAN TO YOU

The Government plans to introduce a compulsory ID card scheme for football supporters in England and Wales. You, the fans, will have to buy an ID card if you wish to attend football matches. You will have to fill in an application form and provide a photograph before you can be issued with a card. Your personal details will be stored on a computer and monitored. Football supporters will be the only people in the country who are made to have ID cards.

On match days you will have to join a queue of people waiting to have their ID cards checked before you enter the ground. If the computer breaks down there will be chaos. Even if the computers are working normally there is a good chance that somebody in the queue in front of you will have a card that will cause you delay.

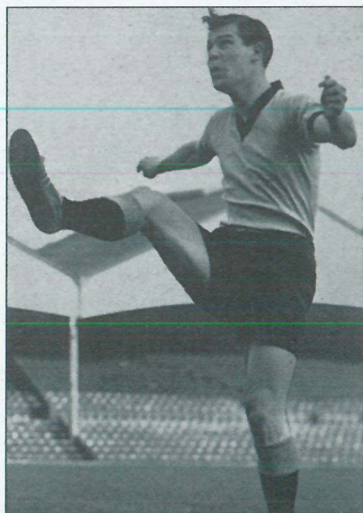
If you are opposed to this scheme, please write to your local MP at:

The House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA and ask him or her to oppose the Government's proposals.

These are some of the points that you may like to make:

- \* The ID card will not stop hooliganism (away from grounds).
- \* The scheme could cause serious delays at turnstiles.
- \* The bureaucracy and cost of the scheme will deter thousands from going to matches and could ruin some smaller clubs.
- \* Millions of law-abiding citizens including pensioners and season ticket holders are going to be inconvenienced by a scheme which will not benefit them, just to deal with a tiny minority of hooligans.

If you are not sure about your MP's name and want to discuss it with the Club secretary or your football supporters club, please do.



The two players pictured here were both forwards at Molineux; one an out-and-out winger, the other a goalscoring No.9.

Write their names on a post card (or sealed down envelope) and send or deliver to the club shop, at the rear of the North Stand at Molineux.

Please ensure you put your name and address and age on your entry - and remember also that you must be under the age of 15 to take part in the Wolf Cubs competitions.

A 1988-89 Wolves T-shirt awaits the lucky winner.

The sender of the first all-correct entry to the competition set in the recent Fulham home programme was David Stanton, aged 13, of Renton Road, Wolverhampton, who correctly told us that the two former Wolves players featured were (left) George Berry and (right) Paul Dougherty.

If David calls into the club shop he will be presented with his prize.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Wolves scored a total of 20 goals in their first four League Division One games at the start of the 1947-48 season. They began with a 3-4 defeat at Manchester City; followed up by hammering Grimsby Town 8-1 at Molineux four days later; they then clipped Blackburn Rovers 5-1 also at home and in their fourth match doubled up on Grimsby by crushing them 4-0 at Blundell Park. Those goals were shared out evenly - Pye hit 5, Hancocks and Westcott 4 each, Smyth 3, Forbes 2, and Galley and Mullen one apiece. And over 92,000 fans saw those two home games. Great days.





## HELPING THE GAME

The Football Trust receives £9 million annually from the Spotting the Ball competition run by Littlewoods, Vennors and Zellers and spends it all on projects which benefit football throughout the United Kingdom.

Since 1979 it has been committed to the development of the game at every level and its broad and varying initiatives have ranged from essential safety work at Tottenham to social work at Tordun, refurbishment at Wrexley to repairs at Welling, closed circuit television at all League clubs to community facilities at Oldham Athletic, transport improvements at Sheffield Wednesday to storm damage in the South East of England, from policing costs at Hull City to an artificial pitch at Hyde United.

1988-89 will see The Football Trust increase its commitment by investing further sums in closed circuit television, transport facilities for supporters and projects to bring Football League clubs closer to their local community.

## WARNING

At the beginning of the season more than 110 League grounds in England, Wales and Scotland will be equipped with CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION which has been funded by The Football Trust.

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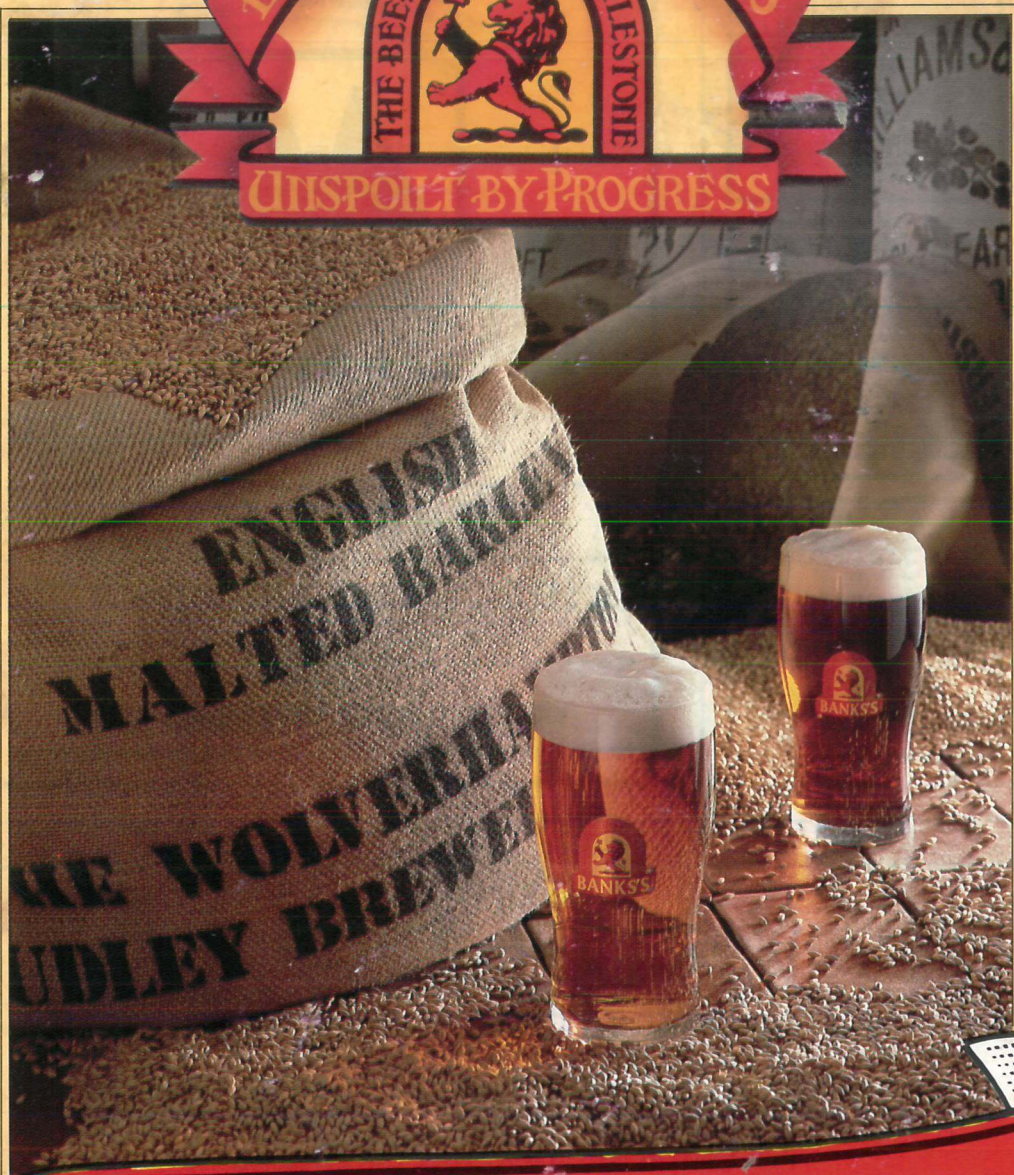
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